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HOLD THE PHONE

By BILL WILLIAMS

It's Your Answer, Take It Away—

I received a letter this week from a very close friend of mine. He says, permit me to ask your opinion on the following "isms."



Socialism: You have two cows and you give one to your neighbor.

Communism: You have two cows; you give both to the government and the government gives you back part of the milk.

Fascism: You keep the cows; you give the milk to the government and the government sells you part of the milk.

Naziism: The government shoots you and takes both cows.

Why not ask about Americanism? Here's the answer I give:

America, where there is liberty throughout the nation, where people worship as they see fit; the greatest country in all the world.

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It Says So in Their Own Book—

I quote from the program of the communist international, 1936 Workers Liberty publishers, N. Y. C. page 77: "It is particularly important for the purpose of winning over the majority of the proletriat, to gain control of the trade unions, which are genuine mass working class organizations closely bound up with the every day struggles of the working class. To work in reactionary trade unions and skillfully to gain control of them, to win the confidence of the broad masses of the industrially organized workers, to change and 'remove from their posts' the reformist leaders, represent important tasks in the preparatory period."

I have given the readers of the Journal some information as to the activities of the communists in previous issues, and we still have them trying to bore from within. Today I'm going to town and from their own bookings. This is not a "red herring" 'tis from their own lips in printed form.

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Here It Is Again—

I believe in fighting fire with fire and from now on I'm going down the line giving members of AFL unions the reasons why they should be on the lookout for the "commie" . . . you may have one in your organization, so be on the lookout for him!

Again I quote from page 82, same book: "It is the bounden duty of every communist to belong to a trade union, even a most reactionary one, provided it is a mass organization."

Here's another one, Problems of Leninism (by Joseph Stalin), International Publishers, N. Y., page 52, Lenin says the same thing in his pamphlet, on the trade unions: "We applied coercion correctly and successfully when we had succeeded in first laying a basis for it by persuasion. First of all we must persuade and coerce afterwards."

Haven't you noticed the above program injected into your organization in the past two years?

The "commie" takes the program from end to end or from cover to cover . . . and he'll do it in your organization now unless you stop him.

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Taking You Nearer Home—

From the Western Workers' publishers, 37 Grove street, San Francisco, 1934. (The Western Worker has since been renamed to the Peoples World, but it's still the "commie" paper).

Page 70: "Whatever fighting has been done in the last few years for higher wages and unemployment insurance and relief was done under a revolutionary leadership with the closest participation of the communists, who are in favor of the overthrow of the capitalist system by FORCE."

Page 75, same book: **"Armed workers and soldiers and marines seize the principal government offices, invade the residences of the president and his cabinet members, arrest them, declare the old regime abolished, establish their own power, the power of the workers and farmers."**

Page 84, "We go to the law-making institutions, not to tinker them up for the benefit of the capitalists but to be a monkey wrench in their machinery, preventing them from working smoothly on behalf of the masters."

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It Makes Me Laugh—

And after reading the above (I have more coming in another issue), it really makes me laugh when I read about John Lewis saying the A. F. of L. is too "aristocratic" for his CIO.

To me it sounds just like the "commies'" talk for his bunko is keeping the labor movement farther apart.

If I couldn't say anything better than John, I'd keep my mouth shut.

What Next?

A new buoy has a miniature radio transmitter sealed inside it which sends out continuous code signals to guide ships, regardless of weather conditions. The U. S. lighthouse service is testing the new type of buoy in the main ship channel of Boston harbor.

STATE TRADES OPENS MEET TODAY IN S. F.

The Building and Construction Trades Council of California opened its 32nd annual convention in San Francisco today.

Well over 700 delegates from all parts of the state presented their credentials for the three day session this morning.

President Frank C. MacDonald will preside throughout the session.

AFL Political Board to Meet Again April 1

After a get-together session last Saturday night, the executive board of the American Federation of Labor Political League of Alameda county adjourned to meet again Saturday afternoon, April 1 in the A. F. of L. headquarters.

The committee was well represented Saturday night; no action was taken as to the endorsements of candidates.

F. B. Fulmer, president, said the committee is set up as a permanent organization and will formulate its policies at the April meeting.

State Labor Measures Considered By Legislative Body

The legislative program sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor is progressing satisfactorily at Sacramento. E. W. Vandeleur, secretary of the federation and legislative agent, reported today, and hearings on many measures have been held or are scheduled.

One of the first and important activities of either legislative body was the passage Tuesday by the assembly of assembly bill No. 373, which clarifies section 921 of the state labor code, which anti-labor attorneys and judges had construed to be against closed shop agreements.

"It is gratifying that the measures sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor was given this consideration, where there were several other bills involved affecting this section of the labor code," Vandeleur said. "We appreciate the co-operation of the members of the legislature in considering the bonafide requests of the legitimate labor movement."

Council Favors Bill Calling for Increase In Pensions

Assembly bill No. 1178, calling for an increase in state pensions from $35.00 to $50.00 a month with the privilege of receiving an additional $15.00 from other sources without reductions, was approved by the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council recently.

The resolution calling for its adoption was introduced by Charles Roe, representing Carpenters' Union, Local No. 1622.

A. B. No. 1178 was introduced in the state legislature by Thomas Maloney of San Francisco.

GARAGE EMPLOYES SIGN CLOSED SHOP CONTRACTS

Signing of a closed shop agreement with the East Bay Bakers' club, Remar Baking company, Continental Baking company, Kilpatricks, Langendorf, Homestead and Safeway was reported yesterday by Bob Ash, business representative of Garage Employes' Union, Local No. 78.

Under terms of the new agreement union members will receive a $6.00 a day minimum, 48 hour work week, closed shop and the standard holidays.

The agreement is signed to September 1940.

Don't patronize the Colonial cafeteria. It is strictly non-union.

LABOR NEWS ON AIR EVERY FRIDAY

You are invited to listen in to the labor news program of the East Bay Labor Journal every Friday evening at 6:45 over station KROW.

Listen in tonight for that up-to-the-minute labor news from here, there and everywhere.

Sailors' Union of the Pacific Makes Vigorous Fight Against Government Hiring Halls

Has Backing of A. F. of L. and State Federation of Labor; 50,000 Seamen Oppose Government Interference

By HARRY LUNDBERG,
Secretary-Treasurer, Sailors' Union of the Pacific

Due to the nature of their work, seafaring people are subject to restrictions and laws which are not applied to any other class of worker, and the only protection they have against becoming outright slaves are their union hiring halls.

The west coast seamen, through many bitter struggles of the past few years, have established for themselves the right of free-born American seamen to ship out of their own union hiring halls, and this is now written into our agreements with the ship owners.

But now we find a government bureau is attempting to undo all the good work done the past few years on behalf of the seamen, and are attempting to foist on the seamen the old system of government hiring halls, as instituted under the old U. S. shipping board. There must be something pretty bad about this system of shipping seamen, when 50,000 seamen are against it! For whom are these slave markets intended to do good? They give nothing to the public. They give fears to the seamen. Who wants them? Do the employers want them? Perhaps some ship owners want them, but the majority of ship owners realize that the hiring halls as run by the seamen themselves make for a more contented and better class of seamen.

This move toward reestablishment of government hiring halls by the maritime commission can only be construed as a direct blow to our unions, with the view in mind of re-establishing slave markets again on the Pacific coast.

In our fight against the establishment of these halls we have the backing of the American Federation of Labor 100 per cent. In August of last year President William Green personally appeared before the maritime commission and told them in no uncertain terms that the American Federation of Labor would back up the seamen in their fight against these non-union halls.

In September of last year, the California State Federation of Labor in convention at Santa Barbara, completely endorsed the struggle being waged against these halls by the sailors' union of the Pacific.

We are prepared to and will fight with all our economic power to see to it that the fate of the American seamen does not rest in the hands of a few bureaucrats in Washington, D. C. and swivel chair politicians are not going to get away with forging fink-hall chains around the necks of the American seamen.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today issued the following statement:

The sailors' union of the Pacific has learned by experience that the hiring halls as now constituted or the Pacific coast are of vital importance to the success and maintenance of the union. For that reason it views with apprehension any plan of the government which may be designed to compete with the hiring hall plan developed and agreed to between employers and employes on the Pacific coast and elsewhere.

The American Federation of Labor supports the sailors' union of the Pacific in the position which it has assumed regarding the establishment and the maintenance of hiring halls through collective bargaining agreements.

There is a vast difference between seamen employed upon merchant vessels, even though they may be operated under government administration, and those employed in the navy and upon navy vessels.

We cannot accept regimentation of seamen employed on merchant vessels. They must enjoy the same degree of freedom as those who are employed on privately owned ships.

We feel confident that the members of the maritime commission will accept this point of view and will ultimately accept the plan of the sailors' union of the Pacific to employ seamen upon government administered ships in the same manner as seamen are employed upon privately owned vessels.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF TYPOS SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Sunday, March 26, is regular meeting day for Oakland Typographical union No. 36. Meeting will be held in Danish hall, 164 11th street at the hour of 10 a. m.

Executive board meets tonight at 7:30 o'clock at 1305 Franklin street.

Sick committee for the month of April is as follows:

William Bunn, chairman; John Fraser, John Wolters, S. P. Woollen, H. W. Work, H. S. Woodlee and E. H. Zarley.

The One Big Union Peace Plan

Comparison of CIO and Communist Schemes

In a public statement, President John P. Frey, of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, calls attention to the "deadly parallel" between the so-called "peace proposal" of the CIO and the official program of the communist party on labor unity.

Although the propagandists for the CIO have been referring to their plan as "daring" and "breath-taking," Mr. Frey points out that it's all old stuff and not even original. We will let members of the A. F. of L. draw their own conclusions after reading this peculiar parallel:

THE CIO SCHEME

The CIO proposals read, in part:

"Not later than June 1, 1939, there shall assemble in the city of Washington, D. C., in the hall owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, a convention of representatives of co-operation (a) the American Federation of Labor, (b) the congress of industrial organizations and (c) the four brotherhoods in the railroad transportation field, heretofore independent.

"This convention is to organize and dedicate the American congress of labor, designed to supersede and embrace the membership of the CIO and the A. F. of L., and to include the membership of the before-mentioned railroad organizations. The convention will outline its objectives, adopt a constitution and elect officers for a term of one year."

COMMUNIST SCHEME

From the New York Daily Worker, the official organ of the communist party, July 3, 1937, on page 6, a resolution adopted at the plenum of the central committee of the communist party June 17-20, 1937:

"We must never cease to demand the unification of the trade union movement. In line with this policy the party has raised the question of the convocation of a trade union unity congress of the unions of the CIO, A. F. of L., railroad brotherhoods, and other unaffiliated unions. Let all those who stand for unity and solidarity come to such a congress. As for those who refuse to come, they would by this very action place themselves outside the movement."

From the New York Daily Worker for October 20, 1937, on page 3, an article by Wm. Z. Foster, chairman of the communist party, on "Trade Union Unity":

"Provision might be made for the holding of a special broad representative trade union unity convention, to which the railroad brotherhoods and other independents should be invited. In fact the brotherhoods might well be drawn into the unity negotiations from the outset. This convention could complete the unification process by the adoption of necessary constitutional provisions, elections of officers, etc."

Hawkins May Represent International Union

Glen Hawkins, assistant business representative of the building and construction trades council here, returned from Chicago early this week after attending an executive board meeting of the roofers' international union

Rumor has it that Hawkins will represent the international in California as organizer beginning in April.

ENGINEERS 507 REFUSE TO CONSOLIDATE WITH SAN FRANCISCO UNION

Thomas J. Roberts, business representative of Engineers' Union, Local No. 507, reported today his local union refused to consolidate with San Francisco Local No. 64 by a 10 to 1 vote.

Roberts said his organization will remain intact in Oakland and will meet twice a month, as usual, in the A. F. of L. headquarters here.

General President John Possehl was a visitor to the meeting and spoke on general organization work throughout the country.

Roberts, at the age of 76, has been connected with the organized labor movement for the past 50 years and was one of the members leading the fight against consolidating with the San Francisco union.

PRESIDENT OF ROOFERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION IS IN OAKLAND

George W. Jones, general president of the roofers' international union, arrived in Oakland Monday and addressed a general conference of roofers at the AFL headquarters last night.

Roofers from Vallejo, Stockton, San Francisco, Sacramento and Oakland attended the meeting. President Jones outlined a general policy for all roofers affiliated with the international to follow.

He will leave Oakland tonight for Los Angeles to attend an open meeting of roofers in that city.

Death Takes Former Head of California Federation of Labor

Funeral services were held Tuesday for James E. Hopkins, former president of the California State Federation of Labor, and veteran labor leader, who died Saturday night at his home in San Francisco of a heart attack. He is survived by his widow.

The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor, in regular session Saturday and Sunday, adjourned in respect to its former chairman, and adopted a memorial resolution.

Hopkins was a charter member of Teamsters' Union, No. 85 of San Francisco, and had been active in the labor movement for nearly 40 years. He was 60 years of age, and had been in poor health for some time, but had daily been at his post as superintendent of the San Francisco Ferry building, which position he had held intermittently for a number of years.

GARDENERS SEEK 100 PER CENT UNION CONDITIONS IN COUNTY

Henry Stephens, business manager of the gardeners, florists and nurserymen's union, said today that his union is planning unionization of all park employes in cities in Alameda county.

"We intend to organize all park employes, florists and nurserymen in all divisions of government into our union," Stephens said.

The international laborers' union in which organization the gardeners, florists and nurserymen are affiliated, has offered its support to Stephens in his drive to organize the workers in this industry.

O'NEIL REPORTS ON PIPE LINES IN LOS ANGELES

In his monthly report to the united association of journeymen plumbers and steam fitters, William O'Neil, general organizer, made the following statement on a jurisdictional dispute between the boilermakers and welders on a pipe line in Los Angeles:

"In Los Angeles I met with Thos. Crowe, the international representative of the brotherhood of boilermakers. This meeting was in reference to a jurisdictional dispute on the installation of welded pipe lines. The president of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the A. F. of L. rendered the following decision in regard to dispute over installation of fifty-one inch rolled iron pipe on the Metropolitan Water Aqueduct system: 'The installation of said pipe line comes under jurisdiction of the united association'."

Labor-Farmer Alliance

A committee of union leaders, to develop good will between workers and farmers, was named this week by the Des Moines Trades and Labor Council. The committee is to work out a program of co-operation with Iowa farm organizations.

State Police and National Guard Have No Place in Labor Disputes Says Labor's Council

Action of Governor in Westwood and Redding Labor Controversy Is Severely Criticized By Entire Executive Board of Federation

Condemnation of Governor Olson for his policies in the Westwood and Redding controversies with the CIO was a highlight of the quarterly two-day session of the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor, held in San Francisco last Sunday.

The council unanimously adopted a resolution condemning Governor Olson for using the state highway patrol in the Westwood and Redding cases and for his repeated threats to use the national guard, and issued an official statement scoring him for showing favoritism to the CIO and failure to keep a promise to bring about adjustment of the Westwood matter.

The council also adopted a protest to the U. S. maritime commission against the proposed establishment of government hiring halls for seamen, training ships for seamen, and general policies.

A wide variety of legislation was discussed, with delegations appearing in behalf of various measures. No action was taken and all such matters were referred to the legislative representative, Edward D. Vandeleur, for attention in Sacramento. The council commended Vandeleur for his handling of labor legislation at the current session of the legislature.

Protect Housing Bill

Protest was voted against a rider which has been attached to the housing projects to $3,500 per dwelling unit, and telegrams signed by all the members of the council were sent to California senators and congressmen.

The $3,500 limitation rider, or amendment, was killed before the interior department appropriations bill passed the house Monday, according to telegraphic advices received from Congressman Franck R. Havenner of San Francisco.

Organizer Jack Granger and Attorney Charles J. Janigian, who have been in charge of the situation at Westwood for the federation, made detailed reports of the situation there and their activities under the direction of Secretary Vandeleur, and a motion was adopted commending Vandeleur for his handling of the situation.

The council endorsed the proposed Walsh amendments to the Wagner act, as sponsored by the A. F. of L., and Attorney Janigian declared that the act at present was like having policemen to arrest people and no judge to try them before and cited cases to show the necessity of amending the act to put the national labor relations board under jurisdiction of the federal courts.

Secretary Vandeleur made a detailed report of organizing activities and expenses in various parts of the state, and the quarterly certified public accountant's audit was received and accepted.

The secretary reported 40 addition union affiliations during the past three months, including seven new federal charters, 29 new affiliations, and four reaffiliations, from virtually all parts of the state, thereby adding several thousand new members to the federation rolls.

A letter of thanks for the memorial scroll presented in behalf of the late Clarence E. Dowd, Fresno vice president, was received from his widow, who is now in Portland, Oregon.

State Labor Disbands Mooney Comm.

State Federation of Labor Closes Records in Mooney Case; No More Collections

The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor, meeting in quarterly session March 18th and 19th, ordered the so-called A. F. of L. Mooney defense committee disbanded and formally cleared their records of the Mooney case.

During discussion of the disbandment proposal, it was brought out that Herbert Resner, Mooney attorney, in a recent appearance at a meeting in Monterey when Mooney was unable to appear, urged members of the A. F. of L. fish cannery workers' union there to vote for the CIO and against the A. F. of L. in a recent labor board election to determine the collective bargaining agency there recently.

"We want to make it plain that the California State Federation of Labor will hereafter have no part in the conduct of any appeals for funds in this case," Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the federation said. "All moneys heretofore collected by the federation in the case have been expanded through proper channels and accounted for, and the record is closed as far as the federation is concerned.

"All A. F. of L. unions are requested to take notice."

STOVES LISTED AS NON-UNION MADE BY CRAFT HERE

Members of the stove mounters' union have listed the O'Keefe and Merritt stoves and the Gaffers and Sattler stoves on the official "We Don't Patronize" list of organized labor in the state of California.

Both stove companies are listed on the California State Federation of Labor's "unfair" list also.

According to union representatives the above companies refuse to employ members of their respective unions and refuse to bargain collectively with labor leaders.

Until a settlement is reached with the A. F. of L. unions all merchants and members of organized labor and their friends are asked to refrain from supporting the non-union stove companies.

Two Firms Listed As Non-Union By Carpet Layers

Carpet and linoleum layers' union here placed the Grove Street Shade shop and Ester's Shade and Linoleum company on the official "We Don't Patronize" list of the building and construction trades council recently.

Both firms, according to union officials, refuse to meet conditions of the union and are now listed as "unfair."

Organized labor members and friends are asked not to patronize these firms until they display a union card of the American Federation of Labor.

DOLLAR IS BUYING MORE NECESSITIES

The housewife's dollar today is buying more food and other necessities than at any time since October, 1937, according to the Alexander Hamilton institute.

The organization declared this week that the downward trend of living costs had been under way for 15 months and that in this period prices have declined 4.6 per cent.

Significant Trends in Labor Movement

Recent events in the labor movement of the United States indicate significant tendencies.

In Detroit, a considerable fraction of the automobile workers' union withdrew from the congress of industrial organizations and established an independent union.

In Memphis, Tenn., the president and secretary of the southern tenant farmers' union announced the withdrawal of that organization from the united cannery, agricultural, packing and allied workers of America, an affiliate of the CIO; communist control and dictatorial procedure were included among the reasons for the withdrawal.

In Naticoke, Pa., 500 members of Local 846 of the United Mine Workers of America voted to withdraw from the congress of industrial organizations union and affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

In Hershey, Pa., employes of the Hershey Chocolate corporation voted overwhelmingly for the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate, as their collective bargaining agent. The balloting was held under the auspices of the national labor relations board. Results showed the A. F. of L. union polled 1,125 votes against 733 for the C. I. O. united chocolate workers.

In New York, N. Y., the joint board of the Barbers and Beauty Culturists' Union of America voted to sever its affiliation with the CIO and return to the American Federation of Labor.

These events speak for themselves.

LOCAL UNION WINS COURT DECISION

Judge Denies Injunction to Colonial Cafeteria and Ole's Waffle Shop

Operation of a concern by an employe corporative society does not constitute a bar to bona fide strikes, according to a ruling made by Superior Judge James G. Quinn of Alameda county.

The decision was handed down last Thursday in two injunction suits arising from restaurant picketing by the local union of culinary workers, an AFL affiliate.

In the employe corporative matter, Judge Quinn denied an injunction sought by the Colonial Cafeteria Operating company and the Colonial Cafeteria Co-operative association on the grounds that no labor problem was possible because all employes were members of the firm.

In the second action the court ruled that while picketing for a closed shop was illegal a picket line may be established if the union also seeks higher wages and improved working conditions.

The second decision denied an injunction sought by Ole's Waffle shop in Alameda.

The culinary crafts and the central labor council have both places, the Colonial cafeteria and Ole's Waffle shop still listed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list in the Journal.

Minimum Prices in Effect By Barbers

Ninety-Four Per Cent of Barbers in City Agree to Minimum Prices

Seven hundred union and non-union barbers attended the open meeting called by the barbers' union of Oakland last Thursday and agreed to a minimum price for haircuts of 50 cents and 25 cents for shaves.

About 94 per cent of the industry signed the agreement to enforce the minimum prices, according to C. A. Silva, secretary of the union.

The new price schedule was placed in effect last Monday morning in shops in the east bay area. However, the union shops still charge the union rate of 65 cents for haircuts and 35 cents for shaves.

Chiseling Prices Are Out

For several years the cut-rate shops charged as low as 25 cents for haircuts and 15 cents for shaves. Under the new agreement these shops will raise prices to the minimum agreed to at Thursday's meeting.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the barbers in the state of California averaged $11.80 a week during the year 1938 when prices were low; with the new schedule it is expected the barbers will at least make a living for themselves and families.

ENGINEERS' UNION No. 3 OPENS OFFICE HERE

Offices of Engineers' Union, Local No. 3 were opened this week in the A. F. of L. headquarters on Webster street, Oakland.

F. A. Lawrence, business representative of the east bay division of engineers, is in charge.

The building trades council is occupying part of the engineers' office with a full-time secretary to answer calls and receive dues.

222,000 Strikers Are Reinstated by NLRB

Since the Wagner act became law, over 222,000 workers have been reinstated to their jobs after strikes and lockouts, the national labor relations board reported this week.

Another 14,847 who were fired for union activity have also been rehired, the board announced. Cases handled by the board have reached 19,659, involving 4,435,000 workers.

Machinists Clean Up

The machinists cleaned up this week on a national labor relations board election at the Hersey Manufacturing company, machine firm in South Boston. Out of 145 votes cast, the machinists rolled up 101.

A. F. of L. Terms Held Logical Basis for Settling Controversy

In an editorial entitled "Down to Cases," the New York Herald Tribune for March 15 gave the following analysis of the peace terms which were being considered there by the conference composed of a four-man committee representing the American Federation of Labor and a three-man committee representing the congress of industrial organizations:

"Monday's conference of the two committees seeking peace between the American Federation of Labor and the congress of industrial organizations gave more promise of a successful outcome of the negotiations than has hitherto appeared. Instead of debating the correctly styled 'fanciful' program of John L. Lewis for an American congress of labor to include the railroad brotherhoods, the conferees, of whom Mr. Lewis was one, spent six hours discussing—not too hopefully, perhaps, but still discussing—the much more realistic peace proposal put forth by the A. F. of L. in December, 1937. This proposal, both in its tentative and in its final form, was directed to removing the one great obstacle to unity—the jurisdictional conflicts that have embittered the feud with the establishment of rival unions. It is a greater obstacle today, of course, than ever. All the more reason, therefore, why the current peacemakers should concentrate on it if they are in earnest in seeking a solution to their problem.

"The original formula put forth by A. F. of L. spokesmen contemplated the immediate return to the federation of the ten unions which seceded to organize the committee for industrial organization and the subsequent inclusion of the new CIO unions when each had come to terms with its A. F. of L. competitor. This was rejected by the CIO on the ground that it would mean betrayal of the new unions. The A. F. of L. then proposed that the ten unions stand aside while representative committees settled the jurisdictional disputes involving the new unions, and that, after a satisfactory agreement had been reached in every case, all should come in together. The CIO negotiators accepted the suggestion thus modified as a modus vivendi, but Mr. Lewis rudely and abruptly rejected it. He insisted that the A. F. of L. admit forthwith all CIO unions, that matters in conflict be taken up later but with the distinct understanding that none of these unions could be suspended should it fail of an agreement with its rival. With transparent logic, the A. F. of L. representatives pointed out that such a program would simply perpetuate dual unionism within the federation, settling nothing, and the negotiations were discontinued.

"It seems highly significant that Lewis should be willing now even to discuss a plan which he once spurned and which unquestionably he sought to sidetrack with his grandiose scheme for one all-inclusive federation. * * *"

UNIONS HELP MAKE PABCO LINOLEUM A SUPERIOR PRODUCT

Demonstrating an entirely new departure in union-employer co-operation, the linoleum layers' union has worked out new and improved linoleum with Pabco for the layers and the trade.

All Pabco linoleum—unlike any other in the world—is made especially to meet the standards of the linoleum layers' union. So Harry Gilmore, secretary-treasurer of the Corrugated Fibre Products and Waxed Paper Workers' Union, No. 382, advises, whose union has a contract with Pabco.

Improvements include changes in texture, greater flexibility, ease of cutting, and the new burlap backing. It was made so the linoleum layers would like it. Curley Powell, member of Local 1290 of the linoleum layers, was one of the many friends of Pabco instrumental in working out the specifications.

Ease of laying the linoleum and the other superiorities of Pabco make it much easier to lay, thereby linoleum layers can make more money laying Pabco linoleum than any other competitive product. They are also laying a 100 per cent organized labor product where they handle Pabco, and not a product made by those who chisel on organized labor. For Pabco is the only 100 per cent union-made linoleum there is.

So buy Pabco! and you buy 100 per cent union high wage products and not non-union competitors' goods.

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PAINTERS' NOTES

Apprentice News and Views
By Al Cunningham

The school term continues on without any particular outstanding happenings.

The basketball season is over and all is quiet at this lull between winter and spring.

At this time I would like to make an apology. A public apology, that is, as much of the public who reads this particular column.

Some time ago after a misunderstanding with the chairman of the advisory committee I wrote a few sentences in this colmun condeming his policies, but after talking with him and seeing his efforts materialize I desire to ask his acceptance of my apology for my outburst. I realize his outburst that evening can be chalked to his Scotch temperament. This same gentleman gives three nights of his week to his ambition, that of making apprentices the better painters of tomorrow. Monday and Wednesday he teaches school for two hours and on Friday he attends the University of California. During the rest of the week he runs his business, tries to have a home life for his family and do what he can to make school better for the boys.

This man is Mr. James Kershaw and I want him to know just how I and the rest of the fellows feel about him. I realize we can all make mistakes and I certainly did in my criticism of Jimmie Kershaw.

Through the efforts of the advisory committee a surprise is in store for the apprentices. It will come within the next few weeks. I won't say what it is but it is worth waiting for.

Brother Rutledge has requested that the members of the team turn in their suits, etc., to his office as soon as possible.

Strokes from the Brush
By Hughie Rutledge

Much time has been spent the last week in attempting to get a favorable committee report on assembly bill No. 461 introduced by Meehan. This bill provides for an examination for all applicants for a license and also that no license be granted for 30 days after application is made. This bill if it becomes law will eliminate one of the worst evils we now have and all brothers are requested to do all in their power to help put it over. More information later.

The application of Rutledge and Wahlberg was accepted in the K-9 club last week and it was decided that they would not have voice or vote but would be subject to all dues, donations, assessments and collections.

While the membership has increased to over 750 we still have less than 2 per cent of the members unemployed. This means that we have less unemployed members than any craft in the building trades. This is one of the results of the activities of the business representatives.

All members on the sick list improving. Don't forget that failure to send in a report for two weeks will result in removal from the list.

Brother Chris Petersen says that he has no sympathy for the brothers who carry their parties over to seven in the morning and the next time this happens no sympathy will be extended.

AFL TO OPEN OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco will become the western headquarters for the American Federation of Labor.

This announcement came from A. F. of L. President William Green in Washington.

Green ordered Meyer L. Lewis, already well known on San Francisco labor fronts, to come to San Francisco this week, assume charge of the headquarters and "supervise organization drives of the federation in the Pacific coast and Rocky Mountain states."

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Protests Reduction of Radio Station's Power

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has protested to the federal communications commission against the commission's decision which would force radio station WLW to cease using super-power of 500,000 watts.

Green telegraphed the FCC that he feared reduction of the station's power to 50,000 watts would cause the loss of jobs.

The commission said it also had received 31 letters protesting the decision.

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On February 28th, the international fire fighters' association celebrated their 21st anniversary with the following announcements: 17 new locals received charters since January 1, 1939, and 60 new locals in 1938.

Reviewing the changes that have taken place in the welfare of its members during the past 21 years, since the existence of this organization, welfare of the firemen has been consistently improving, not only for the members but for the unorganized firemen throughout the country.

In considering affiliation with an organization of any kind, and especially with a labor union, the question of prime importance in the mind of the prospective member is "what will I get out of it?" Next, "will I get enough to make it worth my while to join?" So far as the worth of membership in the international association of fire fighters is concerned, we are glad to let the record of the association speak for itself.

Wages Have Increased

Using the hundred largest cities as a basis for comparison it is interesting to note that the average salary of fire fighters has increased more than 81½ per cent. Such an increase should be a definite answer as to whether or not membership in the association is a worth while investment.

Much has also been accomplished during the past 20 years in regard to improvement in working conditions; the establishment of pension systems, shortening of hours, securing vacations, days off, clothing allowances and other improvements in the working conditions of the fireman.

Shorter Work Day In Operation

In speaking of hours the facts are particularly suggestive that in 1918 the firemen in all but 26 cities were working on continuous duty, which meant that they had to live at the fire house. Now in 1939 the two platoon system is in operation in every city of any size and in practically every town in the United States and Canada. In fact there are several cities where the three platoon system is in effect, notably in New York where the system has been operating for several years.

All of these improvements are directly the result of organization under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. They have been secured, not by accident, but as the result of organized efforts.

The international fire fighters' association and its affiliated locals, strengthened and aided by the combined forces of organized labor, have steadily pressed forward in the march toward their goal, so that we can say without fear of contradiction that it is because of the work of our great organization backed up by the forces of organized labor that we have made conditions in the fire service what they are today.

New Reorganization Bill Is Offered in Congress

A reorganization bill has been introduced in the house of representatives by Cochran of Missouri and Warren of North Carolina. It empowers the president to prepare plans for transfer, consolidation or abolition of federal agencies, save those specially exempted. These include the civil service commission and the controller general's office, which were both included in the bill defeated before, and also the interstate commerce, power, trade, coal, securities, communications, and tariff commissions, the engineer corps of the U. S. army and the veterans administration.

Labor opposed the first bill on account of provisions abolishing the civil service commission, but that and other objectionable features are left out. The A. F. of L. has made no objections to the present measure. Charles E. Stengle, president of the American federation of government employes, says he does not want to give an indorsement until he has put in further study.

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WAX PAPER WORKERS HAVE MADE SPLENDID PROGRESS SINCE ORGANIZING IN 1936

The Corrugated Fibre Products and Wax Paper Workers' Union, Local No. 382, formed in Oakland in October 1936, has a remarkable



HARRY GILMORE

record for its progressive activities. The union under the direction of President Frank Moran and Secretary Harry Gilmore has organized five paper box plants and three corrugated container companies, including one department of the Paraffine company and the Western Waxed Paper company, into the union. Thirteen plants in all now employ members of Local 382.

Wage increases and better working conditions have been realized without loss of a single day's work to members of the union. Organizational work has been carried on in a peaceful manner by the representatives.

The union financially is in splendid shape with an office in a downtown building where the business of the union is handled in an efficient manner.

All union plants employ their help through the local union's office, making a friendlier feeling between the employer and the employe. An apprenticeship system is also in effect in the bay area making it possible for younger men to learn the trade.

All agreements, signed this year, stipulate vacations with pay to all union members.

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Labor Board's Long Delay in Cases Involving the A. F. of L.

It was Bret Harte who said that:

"For ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain the heathen Chinee is peculiar."

Bret Harte did not live to learn about the national labor relations board. If he had, he would doubtless agree that the Chinese had no monopoly on ways that are dark and tricks that are vain.

The board, in giving reasons for one of its peculiar orders said:

"As a result of the filing of the charge (by a CIO lawyer) the necessary investigation thereof, and the consideration of the appeal, a period of seventeen months has elapsed since the direction of election was issued and almost fifteen months since balloting was conducted.

"Because of this lapse of time, we deem it inadvisable to count these ballots and issue a certification based thereon, lest such certification misrepresent the choice of the crews employed on the vessels of the company at the present time."

To translate this order into plain lanquage: An election was held fifteen months ago aboard the ships of the Seatrain lines to determine whether the crews wanted an A. F. of L. or a CIO union. The results evidently favored A. F. of L. affiliation because a CIO lawyer filed a protest. So the board, in its usual accommodating manner (whenever CIO lawyers file a protest) held up the counting of the ballots for fifteen months and finally decided not to count them at all but to give the CIO boys another chance in a second election.

JUST IN CASE!

Great Britain and France obtained export licenses for more than $17,000,000 worth of American airplanes and parts during the first two months of this year, the arms control division of the state department announces. The licenses reflected the first part of the large military orders placed by the two countries.

AUXILIARY NOTES

How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

Labor Temple Auxiliary

Auxiliary Member Passes Away

Sympathy is extended to J. A. Lindholm by the entire membership in the loss of his wife, Kitte Lindholm, a member of our auxiliary. Mrs. Lindholm passed away suddenly last Friday evening, and funeral services which were well attended by members of various organized labor auxiliaries took place on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lindholm represented this auxiliary as a delegate to the union label league. She was a very active worker in matters pertaining to the labor movement, and never shirked in any duty which was given her. She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Meeting Today

This afternoon at 1 o'clock a short business session will be held, and following immediately a pleasant afternoon will be enjoyed playing cards. Awards will be given and refreshments served.

Each member is asked to bring a friend and we hope to see all our members present.

Always keep in mind when on a shopping trip—to buy, first of all, union labeled goods, and second only those manufactured in the United States.

GRACE SCHMIDT, Press Cor.

Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160

MEETING

Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters, No. 160, will hold its regular business meeting Friday evening, March 24th, 8 p. m., in Carpenters' hall, hall No. 2. A full attendance is urged.

DEATH

We must now pause and bow our heads in sorrowful memory of Sister Kitte Lindholm, our beloved sister, who has passed beyond the border.

Sister Lindholm, who passed to her final rest, was loved by all who knew her. She made a host of friends who deeply mourn her loss. This was reflected in the tear dimmed eyes and sorrowful expressions in the faces of the great throng that gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect, which formed expressions in the great bank of flowers and floral wreaths.

The services were held in the Little Chapel of the Flowers, Monday afternoon, March 20th, at 1:30 o'clock.

Pallbearers were C. E. Risley, Frank Le Roy, Wm. Watson, Edward Thompson, Wm. Kyte and Thomas Richards, all brothers of Local No. 36 of carpenters.

"No one hears the door that opens,
When we go beyond recall;
Just like faded leaves of roses, one
by one our loved ones fall."

Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters No. 160 extends deepest sympathy to Brother J. A. Lindholm in his sorrow.

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

Typographical Auxiliary No. 26

Thursday, March the 16th, being Charter Day, for No. 26. The twenty-ninth birthday of the Auxiliary.

Thirty-nine ladies assembled at the hotel Coit, to partake of the wonderful luncheon, and installation program.

Past President Wolters was presented, with the gold pin and gavel which is given to all past presidents. The auxiliary also gave her as a small token for her active and wonderful service, a gift, to remind her of our appreciation, a skirt marker. After a sumptuous feed, the installation took place.

Mrs. Wolters presented the new president, Mrs. Orton, who was unanimously elected, with the gavel. The other officers in turn took the oath of office.

The new president then called upon several members for a few remarks. Mrs. F. M. Chilson, international officer, made a brief talk, and presented to us, two members of the San Francisco, Mrs. Holderby, wife of the San Francisco typo's president, and Mrs. Gilroy, the new woman's auxiliary president of San Francisco who made a few remarks.

All the charter members gave an outline of the many years of activity they had in retaining the charter for the past 29 years. Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Closson being members the longest. Mrs. Oman, who is also a charter member, is in the south.

The officers worked diligently for the success of the party. The theme was a "birthday affair." Two beautiful birthday cakes were cut by the charter members and each member who had a birthday in the month was remembered wtih a life policy to happiness.

Mrs. Forester was presented with the best of bon voyage wishes for her eastern trip, and was given a new Nash and a rabbit's foot for a trailer.

Treasurer Fergusen was presented with a pistol "to end it all" and can now join up with the national guards. The gun was made in Ohio —no remarks from Sister Frew— or were there?

To past president Wolters, praise for the lovely table decorations, which she so beautifully colored. Cala lillies of every hue.

The new officers, past officers, charter members and executive committee, were presented with corsages of gardenias.

Mr. Closson, a member of Typographical Union, No. 36 called for Mrs. Closson, and was presented with refreshments and gave a nice little talk.

President Orton, who is a very loyal member of No. 26 is the mother of a printer, Mr. George Hickox, whose wife is an active member also. Mrs. Orton is the mother-in-law of the late Mr. Pickens, past president of No. 36, and who died while in active service, acting as mediator for the Times-Star lockout a few years ago.

We wish President Orton all the success possible, and hope each and every member will do her bit to help make this a banner year.

Be sure to attend the first meeting, the first Thursday in April, at the clubhouse.

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MABEL BOEK, Press Cor.

Machinists' Auxiliary No. 97

Ladies' Auxiliary, I. A. of M. No. 97 met in Sciots' hall on Wednesday evening, March 15th. President

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AGREEMENT NULLIFICATION ORDER AFFIRMS LABOR BOARD'S BIAS AGAINST A. F. OF L.

The recent decision of the national labor relations board nullifying the closed shop agreement between the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America and the Mount Vernon Car Manufacturing company of Mount Vernon, Illinois, and ordering the company to bargain collectively with the amalgamated association of iron, steel and tin workers, an affiliate of the CIO, is regarded in informed circles as a manifestation of the labor board's determination to continue its maladministration of the labor act in accordance with its frequently manifested bias and prejudice against the American Federation of Labor and favoritism for dual and rival organizations.

In addition to nullifying the agreement, the board ordered the company to refund to its 1,300 employes the dues checked off under the contract.

Padway Denounces Decision

The board's decision, believed by legal authorities to be wholly unwarranted by either the letter or spirit of the labor relations act, brought sharp condemnation from Joseph A. Padway, counsel of the American Federation of Labor, who represented the railway carmen in the hearing on the case. Mr. Padway said the decision was totally unjustified, demonstrated once more the bias of the board in favor of the CIO, and was calculated to provoke industrial strife.

According to Mr. Padway the controversy began in 1937 when the employes of the company formed an independent union. The weakness of the union, he added, soon became apparent and an A. F. of L. federal labor union was established to replace it. Within a short time the federal labor union, on the recommendation of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, was transferred to the railway carmen.

A vocally strong but numerically weak CIO minority called a strike at the plant, Padway said. There was an immediate rush of the employes into the carmen's brotherhood. Confronted with this situation the company signed a tentative agreement with the brotherhood after it had presented proof that it represented a large majority of the workers. A permanent contract was not to be negotiated for sixty days.

In the meantime a conciliator of the U. S. department of labor intervened and arranged a truce, agreed to by the company and the CIO, under the terms of which the company agreed to reinstate all striking employes and the labor board was requested to hold an election for the determination of whether the collective bargaining representative should be the railway carmen or the CIO.

Regional representatives of the labor board, Mr. Padway said, refused to accept the settlement and proceeded to back up CIO charges against the company.

"The regional board wanted to play a waiting game, looking for the opportune time when it could maneuver the CIO into a winning position," he maintained.

The closed shop agreement, Mr. Padway added, was negotiated only when the labor board refused to call an election.

The agreement is entirely valid, he said.

Tenant Farmers Quit CIO Cannery Union

J. R. Butler, president, and H. L. Mitchell, executive secretary, of the southern tenant farmers' union, announced the withdrawal of that organization from the "communist-controlled United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America," an affiliate of John L. Lewis' congress of industrial organizations. The withdrawal was ordered by the executive committee of the S. T. F. U. following a referendum vote among the 35,000 members with 200 locals in five southern states.

Mr. Butler and Mr. Mitchell charged Donald Henderson, president of the CIO cannery workers' union, with arbitrary actions featured by attempts to disrupt the tenant farmers' union, suspending its officers, and attempting to set up a dual organization. In addition, Butler and Mitchell said Henderson acted directly for the communist party in his efforts to split the tenant farmers' union.

1,600 to Get Jobs On Housing Project

The United States housing authority announced that actual construction had begun on "Hanover Acres," the 320 dwelling units slum-clearance and low-rent project at Allentown, Pa.

Nathan Straus, administrator of the USHA, estimated that jobs will be provided for 1,600 workmen at the site during the construction of the 37 buildings in the project, with total wages for direct labor totaling about $522,200.

When the repair man enters your home, ask him for his union card. If he hasn't one don't allow him to do the job.

Labor Board's Bias Against AFL In Procedure in Elections to Choose Bargaining Agencies

The maladministration of the national labor relations act by the national labor relations board in using the procedure of elections to determine collective bargaining representatives to favor the CIO against the A. F. of L. was roundly condemned by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in its annual report to the 1938 A. F. of L. convention, which adopted the executive council's statement as its own declaration.

With regard to the election-juggling procedure, the executive council said a study of numerous cases disclosed that "great difficulty is experienced by many American Federation of Labor unions which are strong and clearly have a majority in a plant in getting the board to order an election, when requests therefor are made by American Federation of Labor unions. By comparison, CIO unions have secured rapid compliance with similar requests on their part."

In addition, the executive council said that, based on the subterfuge of ascribing to employers acts of "favoritism" toward American Federation of Labor unions in the matter of organization, the labor board favored the CIO and discriminated against the A. F. of L. by invalidating elections conducted under the board's auspices in which the American Federation of Labor unions were successful.

"These elections," the executive council declared, "were set aside at the instance and request of the CIO unions on the weakest of pretexts. The cases which support this charge are, among others, Carrollton Metal Products company; Tennessee Copper company; Johns-Manville company (Cal.). When American Federation of Labor unions complained respecting outrageous conduct which would affect a CIO favorable election—conduct amounting to bribery of voters—the board has refused to grant even a hearing on the matter, much less set aside the election. A case in support of this charge is Mobile-Alabama Dry Dock company."

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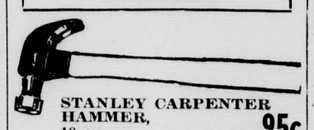
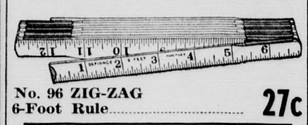
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People Want Peace

Dictators Responsible for Armaments

The peace-loving instincts of the masses everywhere and the responsibility of the nazi and fascist dictatorships for the tremendous sum being spent by democratic nations for defensive armaments are emphasized by the New Zealand transport worker, the official organ of the New Zealand federated waterside workers.

"Ninety per cent of the people of the world desire to live in peace and harmony," the Transport Worker says. "Ninety per cent are opposed to war, and the same ninety per cent do not see any reason why they should quarrel with their fellow man.

"What then is the cause of all the trouble? Why is it that we have a weekly war scare and an international crisis daily? Why is it that the newspapers of the world are so busy in this matter? Why is it that thousands of millions of pounds are spent each month nowadays in the manufacture of machinery and weapons for the sole purpose of destruction of defenseless people and possibly of civilization altogether?

"There are but few men in the world who would attempt to justify this huge expenditure, this terrible waste of labor and money. There are fewer still who could justify war and wholesale destruction of human beings. War was never a necessary adjunct to progress, and today war can only have one result—the further enslavement of mankind or the destroying of our present civilization.

"During the last world war, we were told that it was a fight to save democracy. The democratic countries won the war, yet democracy is in greater peril today than ever. It seems to prove the statement made by the pacifists the years down that wars never won anything either for the conqueror or those who were defeated.

"Yet the fact remains that the peaceful nations of the world are compelled to arm willy nilly. This, of course, is due to the threats of power politics made by European dictators. * * * Democracy, therefore, realizes the fact that its liberties must be defended and is agreed that the respective nations that are defending democracy should arm for their own defense and protection."

Forward March for International Labor

When John G. Winant was sworn in as the new director of the international labor organization by the governing body at its recent quarterly meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, Paul Berg, of Norway, chairman of the governing body, welcomed the first American to hold the directorship and stressed the heavy responsibilities confronting him.

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Newberry Store, 19th and Broadway.
Ansel Electric, 1401 Park, Alameda.
Burr & Son, Painting
Kalem Laundry, Berkeley.
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More About the Auxiliaries

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Gladys Costa called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Sisters Valia Hill, chaplain; Verna Hardison, sentinel; Evelyn Gerholdt, treasurer absent, and the following filled their places: Eugenia Cortezzs, Virginia Nicholas and Anna Hoover.

President Alta Kimball of Shasta Auxiliary No. 273 of Redding, was a visitor and was seated alongside our president with salute of the sisters of the auxiliary.

Clara Stansfield was initiated and received a hearty welcome.

Report of the sick committee: Sister Mary Conyers has been confined to her home with an injured foot which she received in a fall. Sister Odyessa Akins will have to go back to the Stanford Lane hospital, San Francisco. Sisters Mae Moore, Celia Stavios, Past President Josephine Madsen and daughter Myrtle are sick with the flu.

President Gladys Costa extends to them all a speedy recovery.

A very interesting letter from Mrs. Anna Presusser, chairman of U. L. D. of St. Louis, Mo., was read by Vice President Alpha Fedderson, delegate to the labor league.

Dear Sisters:

By urgent request from President Wm. Green of the American Federation of Labor, your chairman of the union label department, under the supervision of your international president, Sister Mae Peake, is requesting a strong "We Don't Patronize" campaign on German, Japanese, Italian, and Czechoslovakia made goods. Place them on your "We Don't Patronize" list. Hitler's first act was to destroy the German labor movement. Churches of every creed and fraternal orders have been persecuted by the nazi government. Propaganda groups are active all over the United States.

We have no ill feeling with the foreign-speaking people of this country, but we must answer nazism with economic pressure, by strong refusal to buy foreign made goods. You will find shelves filled with these products in department stores, 5 and 10c stores, and all other chain stores. Watch every purchase you make, for the label on it; if made in any of the above countries, do not buy, and tell the merchant why. Ask him to discontinue this merchandise, that you positively refuse to purchase them.

You will find foreign names on surgical and musical instruments, hardware, cutlery, especially the brands Valley Forge, Silver Steel, Tru Brand, Dubl Duck, Twin Brand and Anchor Brand; chinaware, Rosenthal and Black Knight. Pottery, gloves, especially those marked "wear right" and "well known." Stationery marked Luna and Mar. Several models of Eastman cameras including Retina, Recomar, and Bantan Special, Blue Ribbon, Phoenix and Vulkam Yeast are foreign made. The only solution of putting our millions of unemployed to work is to examine every article thoroughly for labels, before you make your purchase. Buy union labeled goods and products made in the U. S. A.

To reach the highest point of service to the organized labor movement and keep people employed in the United States, we must have the co-operation of our entire membership. May we rely on your co-operation? Get in touch with your central labor body, work with them on this problem and as true Americans, keep your dollars in the U. S. A. and our citizens at work.

Attend as many meetings as is possible, that are sponsored by your central labor body, for more enlightenment on this subject. Explain to your children the importance of looking for these foreign stamped products. A good example to follow and stop war, is by

"Working together, a task is
not hard,
United the cause can be won;
Working together, with heart
and with mind
The hardest of jobs can be
done."

Delegate Sister Fedderson in her report said a label exhibition would be held in San Francisco, May 10 to 14, and in regards to General Foods and Post products, the National Grain Processors' Federal union has tried and used every possible means of organizing the General Foods and Post products; negotiation of every sort has been tried, without success and their last resort was to put an "unfair" name on the products they distribute. They have a very strong company union, which the workers dare not violate, not even think of organizing. The company is very hostile to collective bargaining and that is why they ask organized labor and especially the women's auxiliaries, who have the purchasing power in their hands, to refuse to purchase any of the products on this "unfair" list. There was a break in this list of firms lately. The Diamond Salt company which was listed was unionized, so once we get a break like this we can be very hopeful of getting others.

Sister Lorraine Metteer spoke on an item she read in the paper which was interesting.

Sisters thanked their mystery sisters and some received gifts for St. Patrick's dav.

Hall was up for discussion and Sisters Metteer, Rena and Genevieve Bosworth and Anita Wright were appointed to go and investigate the said halls.

Marie Dixon spoke on the ballots and how important they should be in the hands of the secretary. Tellers appointed Secretary Beatrice Bengson, Tessie O'Leary, Marie Dixon and Anna Hoover.

Sister Ella Paquette was granted a transfer card to become a member of Vallejo auxiliary.

Sister Marie Dixon reported the death of Mr. Hugh McLachlan, an old time member of No. 284 and of the good deeds he did for Auxiliary No. 97.

President Alta Kimball of Shasta auxiliary was called upon and responded, telling of the fine auxiliary they have organized at Redding. They have 79 members and have the use of a hall free. They voted in favor of holding the next convention in San Francisco. They are holding 500 and pinochle parties to raise the necessary funds for a delegate. She states her officers were working hard for the success of the auxiliary.

Meeting adjourned, and the sisters and brothers gathered around the tables in the banquet room where delicious potato salad (made by Sister Shaffer), cold meats, crackers, cake and coffee were served. Shamrocks were the decorations on the tables.

SKATING PARTY

Have you your tickets for the skating party given by the social committee of No. 97 for Wednesday evening, March 29th, at Rollerland, 5411 Telegraph avenue. If not, please buy them from the committee or Chairman Naomi Vercelli, tickets 35 cents. Come and see Brothers "Louis" and "Vic" do the tricks on the skates.

NOTES

Sister Lucy Long's son broke his arm in two places; fell while riding his bicycle. Little "Billie" Hill sick with the measles, while his daddy, Brother "Bill" is confined to his bed with the mumps. Sister Mary Jones, of Rodeo, and her son is also down with the measles and also little Master Costa. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Don't forget your mystery sister in the month of March.

Hear about the officers' meeting next issue of paper.

SYMPATHY

Ladies' Auxiliary No. 97 extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Catherine McLachlan in the loss of her husband.

Ladies' Auxiliary No. 97 extends deepest sympathy to Brother J. A. Lindholm of Carpenters' Local, No. 36 in the loss of his wife.

Do you ask for the label when buying?

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

Mexico to Promote Own Silk Industry

Seeking to promote development of a silk industry in Mexico, the Mexican government announced that it has distributed 624,420 mulberry bushes and a large quantity of silk-worm eggs among agrarians the last few months.

Buy only building materials that bear the union label.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS' NOTES

By SAMUEL J. DONOHUE

The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California will convene today at 10 a. m., in the building trades headquarters in San Francisco, 14th and Guerro streets. As this is the first convention of this organization held in ten years, local unions and local councils are anxiously looking forward to results that it is hoped to accomplish from a gathering of this kind. From reports received from the office of the state council, a large attendance is assured. General President MacDonald has been very active in arranging a program which will be helpful not only to the unions affiliated with the building and construction trades council, but every memebr of organized labor as well.

The final details of the federal apprenticeship training plan are being completed, and arrangements have been made with Mr. Archie Mooney, chairman of the apprenticeship committee for the state of California, for Monday morning for that purpose.

The next step will be the enforcement of the apprentice ratio in the shops throughout Alameda county, which is one apprentice in every shop where a journeyman is steadily employed, and one to each five additional journeymen. In shops where there are more apprentices than the ratio would permit, the apprentices will be transferred to shops where there are no apprentices.

The reports of the joint apprenticeship committee will then realize the importance of the duties involved as members of that committee for the reason that records of the indenture system will require their attention and approval.

Your business representative has devoted much time and effort to get all the details into working shape and every apprentice must comply with two important rules: namely, the attendance at the trade school classes in the evening, and the payment of his dues and confining himself strictly to conditions governing the registration of apprentices. All of the apprentices who at the present are not living up to those conditions were notified to appear at the office of the secretary on Saturday afternoon, March 18th. There were fourteen responded to the call, and the names of those who did not respond will be submitted to the committee with the recommendation that their card be revoked. So it again becomes my duty to ask the members of this local union to demand the due book of the apprentice with whom they are working. Later on the apprentice will be called upon to be sure that the man he is helping has a card.

The building and construction trades council has adopted a resolution supporting bills presented in the state assembly which demand the rigid enforcement of state contractors' license law. The outstanding feature of the resolution is that a contractor must be a citizen of the United States, and he must live up to the rules which require any one making an application for a contractor's license that he carry a workman's compensation and live up to the rules of the social security and unemployment relief law.

The local union extends to Brother Baires and his family their sympathy in the death both of his sister and sister-in-law who died on the same day, Sunday, March 12th. This information was not received at the office until after the funeral was held.

Received information to the effect that Brother Carl Breckenfelder of Hayward, who was recently initiated as a member of this local union, is very seriously ill with double pneumonia in the Hayward sanitorium, and it is hoped that he will soon be on the road to recovery although at the present time his condition is very grave.

Auto Races at Oakland Speedway Sunday

Keeping pace with the mechanical marvels of the century, the Oakland Speedway will introduce two of the greatest racing automobiles in the spring sweepstakes Sunday, March 26.

Products of factories which have spent thousands of dollars perfecting the racing machine, these two powerhouses should cause gasps of amazement as they thunder around the hard asphalt speedway Sunday.

"We will have the best cars and drivers on the Oakland Speedway, Sunday," states Charles Curryer, director of racing.

NO QUARTER

The panhandler approached the walrus-mustached old man in front of the Army and Navy club.

"Can you spare two bits?" whined the bum.

"Sir, you are talking to General Goodwin," roared the old man. "I give no quarter."

THE LOWDOWN

With KOPKE

NOMINATIONS: As a special order of business, the paint makers' union held nominations for business agent, last Tuesday night. Brothers Jack Kopke, N. Van Winkle and Pitt Terrill were nominated in order. Balloting for this job will be held on April 18, under the supervision of election board members, King Perkins, Dorothy Nelson and Jack Huff.

GRATITUDE: The union is greatly indebted to Brother Huff of the National Lead Co. for the swell American flag he donated to the union. It is so large and beautiful that Conductor Marie Christiana is having some difficulty on deciding where and how to hang it in the hall.

LABOR CODE: In a meeting in the labor commissioner's office last Wednesday, the union won another round from Mr. Boysen, relative to the discharge-without-pay incident involving Brother Watson. The commissioner, after hearing the testimony presented by the company and the union, asked the company to pay wages for two additional days after the date of discharge, as a penalty for holding back the employe's pay at the time of discharge.

Brother Nordwick's case was also discussed in detail. It was agreed than another hearing on this matter would be held on Monday, next.

GOOD NEWS: Brothers John Dunlop and Art Atchison are both on their feet again. Art went back to the job last Monday and John should be back within the week. We are glad to report that Sammy Abrams is also back in his old routine.

AGREEMENT: It is good to know, as we once again prepare to meet with our employers, that during the past two years the union has kept faith. Certainly we disagreed, but it was honest disagreement. And as a result, we know that we have built up a feeling of trust and confidence that will cause us both to reach a harmonious and successful conclusion. We have both made mistakes, just as anyone learning has done.

This year we can meet our bosses as a "grown-up" union, one that has definitely passed the apprenticeship tests and is now operating as a full-fledged journeyman. And as we point to our record, of "no strikes," "no sit-downs," "no agreement violations," we feel honestly justified in crediting ourselves a vital factor in the success of the northern California paint industry.

SAYINGS OF THE SAGES:
Of big words and feathers
there are many to the pound.

Father of Local Labor Leader Dies

Sympathy is extended to W. B. Marquette, business representative of Furniture Handlers' Union, Local No. 1799, in the death of his father, John Marquette at the age of 89 years.

Mr. Marquette was a carpenter by trade, but had retired a number of years ago. His wife preceded him in death two years ago after sixty-three years of wedded life. Surviving are two sons, W. B. of Oakland, Joseph of Glendale and two daughters, Agnes Skiffington of Ellensburg, Washington and Mary Cyr of Seattle, Washington.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning from the Chapel of the Oaks, and interment was made at St. Mary's cemetery.

Hearings to Be Held On Wagner Labor Act

Senate Committee May Fix Date Next Week; Waits on Peace Parley Outcome

When the senate committee on education and labor meets next Tuesday it will probably decide when to open hearings on American Federation of Labor amendments to the Wagner labor relations act.

At its meeting this week the committee left the question open, a majority of the members holding that a definite date should not be fixed while the A. F. of L. and CIO are holding peace parleys.

New York Proposes to Ban Job Racketeers

Protection of job-seekers from racketeering employment agencies, proposed in legislation pending before the state legislature, was declared long over-due in a statement issued this week by the New York citizen's union's committee on legislation.

The measure would bring all agencies under strict state regulation, and in the set-up there would be no place for the fly-by-night concerns which have been taking heavy toll of workers.

Electricians Break Ice with Big Utility

The Utah Power and Light company of Salt Lake City, one of the biggest utilities in the mountain states, went union this week for the first time in its history.

The Utah company signed an agreement with the international brotherhood of electrical workers, providing for wage boosts, paid vacations, a 100 per cent union shop and many other benefits for 1,200 employes.

RETORT COURTEOUS

For two hours he had been the pest of the party. His imitations were terrible, ranging anywhere from George Arliss to a humming bird. In the far corner had been sitting the man with the screwed-up face.

"What would you like to see me imitate now?"

The man moved. He spoke. "How about a ground hog that's seen its shadow?"

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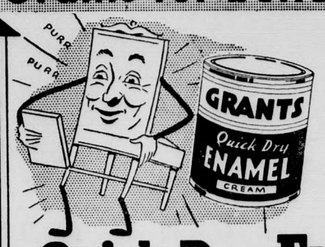
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